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Mr. J. P. Brooks 2012 Cedar Run Drive Plant City, FL 33566

Dear Mr. Brooks:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Congressman Michael Bilirakis has asked me to respond to your letter in which you complain about rate increases by your local cable television operator.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates. The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim period in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Congress recently passed a law imposing many new regulations on cable television operators like Paragon. While the final impact on our prices will not be clear until after the FCC sets new rules in 1993, Paragon is making some changes effective in January that we think reflect what Congress intended.

Beginning in January, your cable bill will increase by five percent (5%). This increase reflects our everincreasing cost of doing business and will allow us to continue providing you with high quality programming and service. This five (5%) increase applies to our standard package, additional outlets, premium services, remote controls and selector rentals. The new prices are listed on the reverse side.

ARE YOU GOING TO LET THEM DO THIS??